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Iraq Reconstruction Master Planning Project Named National Honor Award Winner

WINCHESTER, Va. – A partnership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Transatlantic Programs Center, Stanley Consultants, and Michael Baker Jr., Inc., has received a National Honor Award in the American Council of Engineering Companies' 39th Engineering Excellence Awards competition.

The award recognized the team's master planning efforts for the Iraq reconstruction program. It was presented at the ACEC 2005 Annual Convention in Washington, D.C., in mid-April.

Representatives from the Transatlantic Programs Center's headquarters in Winchester, Va. – Roger Thomas, Donn Booker, Sr., and John Linderman of the project management directorate – attended the black tie gala banquet.



Roger Thomas, Donn Booker, and John Linderman, TAC project management, recently attended the American Council of Engineering Companies' 39th Engineering Excellence Awards competition. TAC received a National Honor Award, along with two design firms, for master planning a portion of the Iraq reconstruction program.

"It was a tremendous privilege to accept this award with Baker and Stanley," Thomas said. "The event was attended by more than 1,200 people, and 175 projects were advanced from the state competitions to compete at the national level for engineering excellence. From these, a panel of judges selected the top 24 projects. It was an honor to have the master planning for Iraq's reconstruction recognized with this prestigious award."

Thomas said that the Transatlantic Programs Center initially developed a planning document that identified how the Corps and its contracted team could assist the Coalition Provisional Authority with planning the reconstruction program in Iraq. The planning document outlined the parameters for project development and prioritization, scheduling, budgeting, and coordinating with Iraqi ministries and U.S. agencies in Iraq.

"The Transatlantic Programs Center already had Stanley and Baker under

contract to provide architect-engineer services,” Thomas said. “After meeting with Coalition Provisional Authority officials, we awarded task order contracts to Stanley and Baker to develop a multi-disciplined team to assist the Program Management

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Office in Iraq, which was developing the foundation for the \$18 billion reconstruction program being undertaken by the United States.”

Baker and Stanley helped the U.S./Iraqi team in Baghdad create a database of more than 5,000 potential projects in such areas as oil, electric, public works and water, transportation, and education. After further analysis, more than 2,300 projects were prioritized to provide immediate benefits to the Iraqi people. The project team also prepared more than \$4 billion in task orders, including scopes of work and preliminary construction cost estimates for implementing those projects deemed most critical to Iraq’s recovery.

The Program Management Office became the Iraq Project and Contracting Office in summer 2004.

Michael Baker Jr., Inc., is headquartered in Moon Township, Pa., and Stanley Consultants, Inc., is in Muscatine, Iowa. The Transatlantic Programs Center is a major subordinate command of the Army Corps of Engineers and has been headquartered in Winchester since the mid-1970s. The organization provides a variety of design, construction, and contracting services to U.S. and foreign customers in the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans, and other areas as required.

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